

## **Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County News**

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### **Proper Waste Disposal – U.S. Flags**

**Promo Graphic:** Attached

**Promo Video:** <https://youtu.be/5HZeZ0JxSpM?si=NaFUcTwz0ViISfSI>

The U.S. flag is a symbol of freedom, and each color stands for specific qualities:

- Red symbolizes strength and valor.
- White symbolizes purity and innocence.
- Blue symbolizes vigilance, perseverance and justice.

When a U.S. flag becomes so tattered that it can no longer serve as a symbol of the United States, the [U.S. Flag Code](#) says it should be retired in a dignified manner.

The [Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County](#) (SWA) has made it easy for residents to [retire old American flags](#). Just drop them off in the special drop box at one of seven SWA [Home Chemical & Recycling Centers](#) (HCRC) in Palm Beach County and your flag will be retired with respect and honor.

The SWA's [HCRC locations](#) include (from north county to south county):

- **Jupiter**

#### **North County Transfer Station**

[14185 N. Military Trail \(SWA Road\)](#) in Jupiter

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

- **West Palm Beach**

**Home Chemical and Recycling Center**

[6161 N. Jog Road](#) in West Palm Beach

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

- **Belle Glade**

**Glades Regional Transfer Station**

[1701 State Road 15](#) in Belle Glade

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

- **Royal Palm Beach**

**West Central Transfer Station**

[9743 Weisman Way](#) in Royal Palm Beach

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

- **Lantana**

**Central County Transfer Station**

[1810 Lantana Road](#) in Lantana

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m.-12 p.m.

- **Delray Beach – West**

**Southwest County Transfer Station**

[13400 S. State Road 7](#) in Delray Beach

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

- **Delray Beach – East**

**South County Transfer Station**

[1901 SW 4th Ave.](#) in Delray Beach

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

REMINDER: Hurricane season started June 1. Now is the time to complete your vegetation trimming. Once a storm threatens, it's too late to trim trees. It's best to make a year-round tree trimming plan a part of your hurricane season preparations to minimize property damage and help our community quickly return to normal after a storm passes.

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**About the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County**

The Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County (SWA or Authority) is a Dependent Special District that was created by the Florida Legislature in 1975. Since then, the SWA has developed an award-winning integrated solid waste management system to handle the county's waste and recyclables. We call ourselves AWAY: whether you throw it, recycle it or flush it AWAY, we put your waste to work. Each year, we:

- Process 100,000 tons of [recyclables](#)
- Combust approximately 1.8 million tons of trash to generate electricity at [renewable energy facilities](#)
- Produce enough electricity to power approximately 90,000 homes
- Recycle more than 130,000 tons of [wastewater treatment residuals](#) (sludge from flushes) into an environmentally-friendly fertilizer amendment
- Safely recycle or dispose of almost 4.9 million pounds of [home hazards](#)

- Collect rainwater from the roofs of [Renewable Energy Facility 2](#) and store it in a 2-million gallon cistern, which is used as part of the energy making process

Anyone can [sign up on the SWA's website](#) to receive SWA news, calendar updates, job announcements or other web postings of interest. Should you sign up online to receive SWA's news releases, we can remove you from the distribution list by sending a reply with the subject "REMOVE" as a reply to this email.

**Connect** with the Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County at [swa.org](http://swa.org) or on social media:

*Please note: Florida has a very broad public records law. Most communications to or from the Solid Waste Authority are considered to be public records and will be made available to the public and the media upon request. Therefore, your e-mail message may be subject to public disclosure.*